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SUBJ: TRIPOLI CHRISTIAN-MOSLEM DIALOGUE: AN ISRAELI VIEW

REF: (A) TRIPOLI 0168, (B) ROME 2139

1. MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR EVRON CONFIRMED TO ME FEB 12 THAT THE GOI HAD TAKEN UP THE QUESTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE AT THE RECENT TRIPOLI CHRISTIAN-MOSLEM MEETING WITH VATICAN AUTHORITIES BOTH IN JERUSALEM AND IN ROME. APOSTOLIC DELEGATE ARCHBISHOP CAREW HAS BEEN CALLED IN BY FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON WHILE THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR IN ROME HAS RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH CASAROLI.

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2. ACCORDING TO THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR'S REPORT, CASAROLI SAID THAT THE VATICAN HAD NEVER ACCEPTED AND HAD NO INTENTION OF ACCEPTING THE TWO CONTROVERSIAL PARAGRAPHS IN THE COMMUNIQUE. CASAROLI SAID THAT CARDINAL PIGNEDOLI CONSIDERED WHAT HAD HAPPENED AS "A CASE OF CHEATING". PIGNEDOLI MAINTAINED THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED "WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION" THAT THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE 19 PARAGRAPHS OF THE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE CONCERNING THE PALESTINIAN OR OTHER CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS. APPARENTLY SATISFIED, HE AND THE REST OF THE DELEGATION HAD GONE OFF LEAVING ONLY ONE PRIEST, AN ARAB OF THE SYRIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, TO PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THE DOCUMENT. THIS PRIEST HAD AGREED ON HIS OWN TO THE TWO "POLITICAL" DECLARATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN TAGGED ONTO THE ORIGINAL 19 PARAGRAPHS.

3. COMMENT: EVRON DID NOT REVEAL WHETHER THE ISRAELIS FULLY ACCEPTED THIS EXPLANATION FOR WHAT HE CALLED THIS "KAFKAESQUE" SITUATION. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT THE OUTCOME MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE HELPFUL SINCE THE VATICAN HAD BEEN FORCED TO GO ON RECORD ON THIS ISSUE (JERUSALEM POSTKIFEB 12: "VATICAN REJECTS ANTI-ZIONISM.")-AND THAT IN ITSELF WAS REGARDED AS IMPORTANT BY THE ISRAELIS.  
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